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### **STOCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO FORTY YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND WEAPONS OFFENSES**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that WILL MOSS, JR., 31, of Stockton, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia to 40 years in federal prison. MOSS was found guilty of twelve criminal counts relating to sex trafficking of children and various firearms offenses by a jury on June 21, 2006.

This case was the product of an extensive investigation by the Stockton Police Department Vice Unit and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Carolyn Delaney, Michael Beckwith, and Laura Ferris, who prosecuted the case, Judge Garcia, in sentencing MOSS, said that the lengthy sentence reflected MOSS' brutality in dealing with the girls he recruited to serve as prostitutes. Testimony at trial established that MOSS had up to seven women working for him as prostitutes, and two of them were under 18 years of age. Testimony also established that MOSS' prostitution ring extended from Stockton, California, to Las Vegas, Nevada, and he and the women often traveled between states for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. Witnesses testified that MOSS routinely beat them and brandished firearms to maintain control of them.

"Today's severe sentence reflects the despicable and brutal nature of Moss' prostitution enterprise," stated United States Attorney Scott.

MOSS will be required to serve at least 85% of the 40-year sentence as parole has been abolished in the federal system. Following his release from prison, MOSS will be required to register as a sex offender and will serve a 10-year term of supervised release.

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